

CHAPTER 6

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

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An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared when a federal government agency considers approving an action within its jurisdiction that may impact the human environment. An EIS aids federal officials in making decisions by presenting information on the physical, biological, and social environment of a proposed project and its alternatives. The first step in preparing an EIS is to determine the scope of the project, the range of action alternatives, and the impacts to be included in the document.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR, Parts 1500-1508) require an early scoping process to determine the issues related to the proposed action and alternatives that the EIS should address. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues, concerns, and potential impacts that require analysis in the EIS.

The Desolation Flats Natural Gas Project EIS was prepared by a third party contractor working under the direction of and in cooperation with the lead agency for the project, which is the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rawlins Field Office, Rawlins, Wyoming, and the Rock Springs Field Office, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

6.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Scoping Notice was prepared and submitted to the public by the BLM on May 24, 2000, requesting input into the proposed Desolation Flats Natural Gas Field Development Project. The notice was sent out to the public listed on the BLM mailing list, as well as organizations, groups, and individuals requesting a copy of the scoping document. Public meetings to discuss the proposed project were conducted on June 7, 2000 in Rawlins, Wyoming and on June 8, 2000 in Rock Springs, Wyoming. There were 76 written responses received during the scoping period in response to this project. The issues and concerns identified by the public during the scoping period are summarized in Chapter 1.

During preparation of the EIS, the BLM and the consultant interdisciplinary team (IDT) have communicated with, and received or solicited input from various federal, State, county, and local agencies, elected representatives, environmental and citizens groups, industries, and individuals potentially concerned with issues regarding the proposed drilling action. The contacts made are summarized in the following sections.

The following organizations/individuals either provided comment or were provided the opportunity to comment during the scoping period.

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6.1.1 Federal Offices

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Rock Springs Field Office
BLM Wyoming State Office
U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin
U.S. Senator Mike Enzi
U.S. Senator Craig Thomas
U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service

U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. DOI Office of the Solicitor

6.1.2 State Agencies

Governor Jim Geringer
State Engineer's Office
State Senators
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Wyoming Business Council
Little Snake Conservation District

Wyoming Game and Fish Department
State Representatives
Wyoming State Planning Coordinator
Wyoming Department of Transportation
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
Wyoming Department of Agriculture

6.1.3 County Government

Carbon County Commissioners
Sweetwater County Commissioners

Carbon County Planning Commission
Sweetwater County Planning Commission

6.1.4 Municipalities

Mayor-Baggs
Mayor-Rawlins
Mayor-Green River

Mayor-Wamsutter
Mayor-Rock Springs
Mayor-Superior

6.1.5 Native American Tribes

Northern Arapahoe Tribal Council
Ute Mountain Tribe
Shoshone-Arapahoe Joint Tribal Council

Shoshone Tribal Council
Ute Tribal Council
Uinta-Ouray Tribal Council

6.1.6 Grazing Permittees

Adams and Adams
Andy Peroulis
Purple Sage LLC
Salisbury Livestock Company
Mike Sheehan
Eliza Solace
Three Mill Iron Ranch
Elza Eversole
Big Sandy & Green River Livestock Co.
Blair and Hay Land & Livestock Co.
Crosson Ranches, Inc.
Douglas Hamel
Don Mines
Mud Springs Livestock Company

George R. Evans
John Peroulis and Sons
Raftopoulos Brothers Livestock
Smith Rancho
Sheehan Ranches
Stratton Sheep Company
Rock Springs Grazing Association
Martin Aimone
John C. Wilde
William Bonomo
Robert Gamble
John W. Hofeldt
Donald Moon
Quarter Circle Three Bar Ranch, LCC

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James W. Ramsay
William Thoman
Don Vercimak

Sage Creek Ranch, LCC
William Tripp
Clark Weber

6.1.7 Lease and ROW Holders

Marathon Oil Company
Merit Energy Company
Sante Fe Snyder Corporation
Tom Brown, Inc.
BP Amoco
Colorado Interstate Gas Company
San Marco Petroleum
Thomas Erickson
Celsius Energy Company
ABO Petroleum Corporation
Andex Resources, LLC
Aztex Gas and Oil Corporation
Van K. Bullock
Captiva Resources, Inc.
Centennial Venture III, LLC
CIG Exploration, Inc.
CNG Producing Company
John L. Cox
Davis Oil Company
Double Eagle Petroleum & Mining Company
Energen Resources Corporation
Margaret M. Farinholt
Forcenergy, Inc.
Gunlikson Petroleum, Inc.
H. B. Hillman Trust
HILR, Trust
Hollis Oil and Gas Company
Industrial Gas Service, Inc.
William E. Jeffers
K N Production Company
Key Production Company, Inc.
Lario Oil and Gas Company
Liberty Petroleum Corporation
LycO Energy Corporation
Markus Production, Inc.
McCulliss Resources Company, Inc.
W. A. Moncrief Jr.
Mull Drilling Company
Niwot Resources, LLC
Northern Geophysical
Odyssey Exploration, Inc.
Don Parsons
Phillips Petroleum Company
Plains Petroleum Operating Company
Quantum Geophysical
John B. Roden Jr.
Samedan Oil Corporation
San Marco Petroleum, Inc.

EOG Resources, Inc.
Basin Exploration, Inc.
Questar Exploration and Production Co.
Pennzoil Company
Williams Gas Processing Company
Westport Oil and Gas Company, Inc.
Kerr-McGee
Exxon USA
Questar Pipeline Company
Allen and Kirmse, Ltd.
Armstrong Resources
Big West Oil and Gas, Inc.
Cabot Oil and Gas Corporation
Cellular, Inc. Network
Chevron USA Production Company
Clayton William Energy
Concho Resources, Inc.
Coyote Oil and Gas
Devon Energy Corporation
Emerald Operating Company
Enron Oil and Gas Company
Fidelity Oil Holding
Gundry-White D.
William G. Helis Est.
D. B. Hillman
Carol Ann Hoffman
HPC, Inc.
Intrepid Production Company
Journey's End, Inc.
Kaisar-Francis Oil
KLT Gas, Inc.
Larry Barnes Petroleum
Los Chicos
Marico Exploration, Inc.
J. H. Marshall II Trust
Medallion Exploration
William Moss
MYCO Industries, Inc.
North American Resources Co.
Ocean Energy, Inc.
OXY USA Company
Pepco, Inc.
Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.
Prima Exploration, Inc.
Resources Strategies
Sacramento Partners, LP
Samson Resources Company
Santa Fe Snyder Corporation

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Seagull Energy E & P, Inc.
South Pass Resources, Inc.
Stovall Oil Company
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.
Texas Eastern Skyline
Tindall Operating Company
Topaz Mineralogical
Union Pacific Wyoming Gathering, Inc.
Vegas Production Company
Westport Oil and Gas Company, Inc.
Windsor Oil and Gas, Inc.
WYGAP
Xeric Oil and Gas Corporation
Lillie M. Yates Est.
Apache Corporation
Forest Oil Corporation
ConWest Exploration (Delaware) Inc.
W.A.. Moncrief Jr.
IT Properties
Corbin J. Robertson
Roemer Oil Company
Bar Gas LLC
Irwin Rubenstein

Sharbro Oil, Ltd. Company
Stanley Energy, Inc.
T. H. McElvain Oil and Gas, Ltd.
Texas Oil and Gas Corporation
The Gary Williams Company
Topanga, LLC
True Oil Company
Union Pacific Resources Company
Veritas DGC Land, Inc.
White Energy Corporation
Arthur W. Winter Trust
Wyoming Exploration, Ltd.
Yates Petroleum Corporation
Yates Drilling Company
Alenco Oil and Gas (ND) Inc.
John P. Strang
H S Resources, Inc.
Costilla Energy, Inc.
John F. Sheridan O & G Properties
Lamar B. Roemer
Intrepid Oil and Gas LLC
Merit Partners LP

6.1.8 Landowners

All private landowners are included under one of the above categories.

6.1.9 Local Media

Casper Star-Tribune
Rock Springs Rocket Miner
KGWC TV - Casper
KRAI - Craig, Colorado
KQSW/KRKK - Rock Springs
KTWO - Casper
KUWR - University of Wyoming
Meeker Herald
Craig Daily Press
KUGR - Green River
Channel 27 - Craig, Colorado

Rawlins Daily Times
Wyoming State Tribune/Eagle
Green River Star
KRAL - Rawlins
KSIT - Rock Springs
KTWO TV - Casper
Northwest Colorado Daily News
Rangely Times
KMKX - Rock Springs
KYCS - Rock Springs

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6.1.10 Other Agencies, Industry Representatives, Individuals, and Organizations

Audubon Society
Wilderness Society
The Nature Conservancy
Wyoming Association of
Professional Archeologists
Department of Geology
Independent Petroleum Association of
Mountain States
Murie Audubon Society
Public Lands Advocacy
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
Wyoming Public Lands Council
Dolar Oil Properties
Barbara Parsons
Biodiversity Associates-Friends of the Bow
Kelly Crane
Northwest Colo. Wild Horse Assoc.
Humane Equine Rescue and Development Society
ISPM & B
Animal Protection Institute
Predator Project

National Wildlife Federation
Carbon County Stockgrowers
Field Museum of Natural History
Wyoming Woolgrowers Association
Wind River Multiple Use Advocates
Charmaine Delmatier
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
The Nature Conservancy
Petroleum Association of Wyoming
Sierra Club
Wyoming Outdoor Council
Wyoming Stockgrowers Association
Karen Larsen
Wyoming State Grazing Board
Sinapu
Dr. Patricia M. Fazio
Wyoming Advocates for Animals
Andrea Lococo
Humane Society of United States
Gary Zakotnik

Approximately 100 additional “Other Agencies, Industry Representatives, Individuals, and Organizations” received a copy of the Scoping Notice.

6.2 LIST OF PREPARERS

The following tables identify the BLM IDT (Table 6-1) and the consultant IDT (Table 6-2) that were principally involved with preparing this EIS.

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Table 6-1. List of BLM Interdisciplinary Reviewers.

Name	Responsibility
RAWLINS FIELD OFFICE	
Missy Cook	Clerical and Environmental Coordination
Susan Foley	Soil Scientist
Sandra Meyers	Cultural Resources
John Spehar	Team Leader/NEPA Coordinator
Chris Otto	Range Resources
Kip Purinton	Petroleum Engineer
Mark Newman	Paleontology/Geology
Krystal Clair	Recreation and Visual Resources
Mary Read	Wildlife/Fisheries, Special Status Species
Gay Seay	Realty/Lands
Alberta Settle	Hazardous Material
Chuck Reed	Wild Horses
ROCK SPRINGS FIELD OFFICE	
Teri Deakins	RSFO Team Leader
John MacDonald	Surface Protection, Soils
Dave Valenzuela	Geology, Minerals, Paleontology
Judly Mueller	Lands
Jim Dunder	Wildlife, T&E Wildlife, Special Status Plants
Andy Tenney	Recreation, Visual Resources, Wilderness
Kevin Lloyd	Fisheries
Jim Glennon	Botany, T&E Plants, Special Status Plants
Dennis Doncaster	Water Resources
Thor Stephenson	Range, Wild Horses
Russ Tanner	Cultural Resources
Renee Dana	Planning
WYOMING STATE OFFICE	
Susan Caplan	Air Quality
Vicki Mistarka	Fluid Minerals
Dale Hanson	Paleontology

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Table 6-2. List of Consultant Interdisciplinary Team EIS Preparers.

Principal Interdisciplinary Team		
Name	Affiliation	Responsibility
Gary Holsan	Gary Holsan Environmental Planning	Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Project Manager
Mike Evers	Western Water Consultants	Water Resources
Larry Hayden-Wing	Hayden-Wing Associates	Wildlife/Fisheries, Special Status Animals and Fish
George Blankenship	Blankenship Consulting	Socioeconomics, Transportation, Health & Safety, Noise
Craig Johnson		Visual Resources and Recreation
Doug Henderer	Buys & Associates	Air Quality
Brenda Schladweiler	BKS Environmental Associates, Inc	Soils and Vegetation
Jana Pastor	Western Archaeological Services	Cultural Resources
Gustav Winterfeld	Erathem-Vanir Geological Consultants	Geology/Paleontology, Mineral Resources
Technical Support Team		
Travis Olson	Hayden-Wing Associates	Wildlife Biologist
Scott Mullner	Hayden-Wing Associates	Wildlife/Fisheries Biologist
Jeffrey Winstead	Hayden-Wing Associates	Wildlife Biologist, Cartographer
Connie Hedley	Hayden-Wing Associates	Document Editing and Production
Esther Brow	Hayden-Wing Associates	Document Editing and Production